IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims.

Claim 2, line 1, please change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Claim 10, line 1, please change "characterized in that" to --wherein--.

Please rewrite the following claims in amended form.

Claim 3. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a mobile radio telephone network system.

Claim 4. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is a local-area radio network.

Claim 5. (Amended). Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] wherein the authorization code for a particular use is issued for a limited area or time.

Claim 6. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] wherein the local-area communications link is enabled by the user.

Claim 7. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] wherein the non-contact code verification is accomplished by optical means.

Claim 8. (Amended) Method as in [one of the preceding] claim[s] 1, [characterized in that] wherein a code provided by the user for transmission and/or verification purposes is released by a selective activation.

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